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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the management of the spread of diseases in
2 wild animals and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.38, subsection 1, Code 2018, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. *a.* The commission may upon its own motion and after an
4 investigation, alter, limit, or restrict the methods or means
5 employed and the instruments or equipment used in taking wild
6 mammals, birds subject to [section 481A.48](#), fish, reptiles,
7 and amphibians, if the investigation reveals that the action
8 would be desirable or beneficial in promoting the interests of
9 conservation, ~~or the commission may, after an investigation~~
10 ~~when it is found there is imminent danger of loss of fish~~
11 ~~through natural causes, authorize the taking of fish by means~~
12 ~~found advisable to salvage imperiled fish populations.~~

13 *b.* The commission shall act to prevent, control, or
14 eradicate an infectious or contagious disease in any wild
15 animal as necessary to comply with section 456A.23. After
16 an investigation when it is found there is imminent danger
17 of loss of fish through natural causes, the commission may
18 authorize the taking of fish by means found advisable to
19 salvage imperiled fish populations. Upon the discovery of
20 an infectious or contagious disease in any wild animal, the
21 commission may establish a disease management zone and take
22 such actions within the zone as are necessary to protect animal
23 health and conserve biological balance. Such actions may
24 include but are not limited to establishing special seasons,
25 preventing the artificial movement of wild animals, carcasses,
26 or parts thereof, requiring disease sample collection from
27 harvested animals, and limiting the unnatural congregation of
28 wild animals. The commission shall give at least twenty-four
29 hours' notice by mail or electronic means before establishing
30 a zone and such notice shall identify the specific activity
31 requirements or restrictions imposed in the zone.

32 *c.* The importation into the state of hunter-harvested
33 Cervidae carcasses from any state, province, or country that
34 chronic wasting disease has been confirmed within either
35 captive or wild cervid populations is prohibited, except for:

1 disease through that animal population. The bill prohibits
2 the importation of Cervidae carcasses into the state from any
3 state, province, or country where chronic wasting disease has
4 been confirmed within either captive or wild cervid populations
5 except under certain conditions.

6 A person who transports a Cervidae carcass into the state
7 in violation of the provisions of the bill shall be assessed a
8 minimum \$100 fine.